

**Regular Minutes of the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club
Tuesday Jan, 8, 2019 at 7PM at the Lions Den**

Members: 8

Guests: 2

President Mazher opened the meeting promptly. Lion Paul led the pledges to the flags. Lion Becca gave prayer. There was no song. Guest and speaker Lion Leta Massey was introduced. Also introduced later when he arrived was Lion Christian Mbakwani from Rwanda. He recently moved to the Cy-Fair area and is looking for a Lions Home.

After the meal, Lion Leta Massey was formally thanked for helping to take down the Christmas tree prior to the meeting, along with Lions Chuck and Merrell. She explained that she was appointed as the Alert District Chairperson by DG Karl Johnson. She reviewed that monies were received in our area both from LCIF and other Lions Clubs and members from all over the United States to help with relief and recovery after Hurricane Harvey. She discussed the program that Dallas County has in place where Lions members work in conjunction with emergency responders. They are proposing to man a Volunteer Emergency Reception Center with Lions, who would meet and greet volunteers, assist with placing them where they can help the most, providing food and water for the volunteers, etc. She gave us information about how that District plans to incorporate Lions members to help with emergencies. She talked about reasons a family needs to determine if they need to evacuate a threatened emergency, or shelter in place. Some things to be considered are numbers, ages, and physical readiness of the family members, is everyone mentally prepared to be without power for possibly an extended period of time, is there enough precooked packaged meals and water for the family for at least 72 hours, are they prepared for possibly needing to make emergency repairs to the home if windows are broken by wind or debris, or a tree fall through the roof. The family needs to have a real plan as to where they will go, letting the host family be totally aware of the situation. Each emergency will have its own different criteria that must be considered. Lions can reach out to Churches and Emergency Managers in their county to see who still needs help.

Minutes to the last meeting were taken by Lion Chuck in Lion Sandy's absence. The revised minutes were sent out to everyone. Lion Chuck, seconded by Lion Sandy, motioned that the revised minutes be accepted as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Lion Chuck. He discussed that the Magic Show promoters had offered us only half of our outstanding funds as guaranteed by their contract. Lion Chuck thanked all who emailed about their opinions for this problem. He spoke with the promoter, explained why he thought we needed to receive all the monies promised to us, and just yesterday received a check for the full amount. Lion Chuck has talked with other Lions Clubs who have done the Magic Show, and they also have had less than what was promised to them offered. We will need to reconsider if we want to do the Magic Show again next year, perhaps look for a cheaper venue. It brings in monies for our Club that we don't have to do work for. Lion Chuck pointed out that in prior years the promoter had two different call centers where paid staff were making cold solicitation calls, but this year they only had one center going.

Lion Merrell reported that she has responded to inquires through the website about our Club, but she has not heard back from that person. She reminded everyone if the upcoming Membership Webinar soon. Guest Christian said he found us through our website.

Meals were discussed. Lion Becca suggested that Lions Terry and Sandy go to local restaurants and ask for good deals for catering our meetings. By having many different

restaurants, the types of meals would be varied. We could plan a Club pot luck dinner maybe twice a year. It was suggested that Lion Becca put out a survey to all members to get their preferences about the types of meals they would like, or why they are not participating in our meals. Lion Becca will put the survey out next week. President Mazher said that he would hope that everyone would be able to participate in our Club meals.

Lion Becca reported on the Christmas Cheer Basket project. Eighty baskets were prepared and delivered, with over 500 people helped. Most nominations for baskets came from the school district. There were 28 different teams that delivered the baskets to the families the Sat. before Christmas, with over 120 persons present to help deliver. Two baskets were taken to Camp Hope, a residential and recovery facility for veterans. Two baskets were taken to Gracewood, which we found out was for single mothers, who are taught to better their life choices and circumstances. Lion Merrell, being female, was given a tour of the facility. They have community kitchens, so all the left over foods were taken there. Lion Becca's brother Lewis pulled a trailer to haul all the pallets of food, turkeys, vegetables, fruits, etc both from Canino's Market and Kroger to the Lion's Den. Even with picking up the frozen turkeys, and fresh fruits and vegetables on Sat. morning, they were ready to send out delivery teams by 9AM. Lion Becca reported that Lion Todd Gaudin's daughter brought her son to help with the baskets, because she remembers what a life changing event these were to her when she was little and came to help her dad. The CFISD Health Services secretary came and brought her daughter to help. "Lots of really neat things came out of this project this year" Lion Becca said. She will prepare Thank You notes for all of the Scouting troops who helped, and bring them to the next meeting so that all the Lions can sign them. She reported that on Valentine's Day there will be a Scouting District meeting where the notes could be handed out. (Please see the attached written report by Lion Becca about this project.)

See to Succeed vision program will take place at the Berry Center all next week, Mon. through Fri. Kids who have failed their school nurse eye test twice, and whose parents have not taken them for a professional exam, are bused to the Berry Center where they undergo a variety of vision screenings. Lions that are state Vision Certified can help with the distance acuity testing. Other Lions are needed to help herd the kids from one station to another. About 25-30 optometrists will be on hand to do a complete professional exam on the children. They will then walk to the next room and get to choose their own frames. In about 2-3 weeks, the completed glasses will be delivered to each school and fitted to the children by an optician. This is a wonderful way to show our presence in the community.

There were several private and one public KidSight Vision Screenings done in December. Lion Jennifer Nguyen assisted with several.

Twelve cases of used eyeglasses were collected by Lion Sandy and will be taken to the PSC meeting tomorrow night, to be taken to the Conroe Noon Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling Center for processing.

The Mid Winter Conference will be held Jan. 26 at the Hilton North near the Greenspoint Mall. There will be programs on community service projects, leadership, New Voices Imitative, and the Texas Lions Camp Strategic Plan. All Lions were urged to go to this wonderful educational event. It starts at 8 AM and will be over at 1 PM, and included breakfast and lunch. Register on line at www.lions2s2.org.

Lion Dorothy is now home from the hospital and recovering at home. However Lion Milly is in the hospital for tests and swelling in her legs.

Lion Chuck reported that baseball should resume mid February. The Cy-Fair Sports Association sublets our fields to another organization, and wants to increase the fees to that subletting facility. The CFSA has been requested to repair or replace the light pole between fields 4 and 5, and to replace the many burned out lights on the fields. Our lease with the Cy-Fair Sports Association is not up until Dec. 2020. They have sold their Queenston facility.

President Mazher received a request for Lions/persons to help fix homes damaged by Harvey. The organization was asking for \$30,000. He will forward it to District Governor Karl.

Lion Chuck was asked to dismiss us. He requested “two large roars on the count of three.” Everyone roared loudly.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Martin, Secretary